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Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



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New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Proudly Presents
18th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day

featuring
At the Showcase Theater 2:30 p.m.
Emcee, Manny Hernandez

Drummer
Shawn Dale Barnett
and
Lisa Lou
One Woman Circus Show

Saturday, June 8, 2002 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Six Flags Great Adventure - Jackson, NJ

Six Flags will have an evening concert starring Sugar Ray



Dear Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Guests,

As our 29th season at Six Flags Great Adventure begins, we are again honored to host the 18th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day there on **Saturday, June 8, 2002**. New for this season will be **Dolphin Discovery**, a fascinating, upbeat look into the world of bottlenose dolphins and sea lions, as well as **Ski Xtreme**, an exciting display of talented water-skiers performing amazing stunts and breathtaking acrobatics. As always, Six Flags continues to offer all of it's other world-class shows and attractions sure to please guests of all ages!

Also new this season, is a "Summer of Festivals," running from mid-June through the end of August. Festivals will include Latin, Italian, Greek, Irish/Scottish, Asian and Caribbean. These all-new festivals include top-tier concert performances, authentic festival foods and an exciting atmosphere with games, strolling entertainment and some of the region's best entertainers. Please visit sixflags.com for updates about performers and festival information.

We will continue to have the following features available at this year's event:

- 2 FM Assistive Listening Devices available at show facilities
- 2 TTY phones at Guest Relations, Security and First Aid stations
- 2 Guest Accessibility Guidebooks available at the Guest Relations site
- 2 Wheelchairs and strollers available for rental

Six Flags Great Adventure would like to extend a very special welcome to incoming Director of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Mr. Brian C. Shomo. As always, we would like to extend a special thanks to Ira C. Hock, Catherine Grehlinger, Todd R. Olsen, Liz Barany, and Patricia Long of the Division for their continued help coordinating this amazing event. Also welcomed is the new field representative, Jason Weiland. Finally, special recognition should be given to Charlotte Karras and to all of the agency ticket sellers who donate their time every year. We continue to look forward to many more successful years of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags Great Adventure. See you June 8th!

Sincerely.

Stephen Heard

Regional Sales Manager

Stephen Heard



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Gwendolyn L. Harris

Commissioner

Dear Friends:

We will again gather at Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park to celebrate our eighteenth (18th) Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day on June 8, 2002. We have come a long way since our first event, 18 years ago — thanks to you, our loyal supporters!

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) recognizes that its annual awareness events educate the public about various communication tools such as interpreters, assistive listening devices (ALDSs) and captioning for those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened and Deaf-Blind. These will be available in the Showcase Theatre during the performance.

The performances will consist of Shawn Dale Barnett, a deaf drummer, as well as Lisa Lou, a one-woman circus show. We know you will enjoy these talented and well-known performers, who will appear in the Showcase Theater beginning at 2:30 p.m.

We are confident that you will, once again, have a wonderful time.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Shomo

Todd R. Olsen

Ira C. Hock

Liz Barany

Cathy Grehlinger

Patricia Long

Six New Shows, the Industry s Most Ambitious Festival Series, Premium Programs and Free Safari Promotion Slated for 2002 Season at New Jersey s Six Flags Entertainment Complex

Pollowing three years of major capital expansion focused on cuttingedge thrill rides and water slides, New Jersey's Six Flags three-park complex will target high-quality family entertainment and an expansion of premium guest services in 2002. Exciting elements awaiting guests include a new show package featuring six diverse productions, the theme park industry's most ambitious festival series, and new guest service-oriented programs.

The Finest Entertainment, Fit for the Entire Family

With more rides than any theme park on the planet, Six Flags Great Adventure is known for its world-class selection of roller coasters and variety of thrill rides. In 2002, park officials will add a new entertainment package to the list of its best-known assets. Six shows will debut this season, catering to all ages: a new dolphin and sea lion demonstration; twice-daily parade; extreme water ski show, acrobatic circus; children's revue, featuring the Looney Tunes characters; and a patriotic fireworks display.

The First 'Summer of Festivals' Offers Value-Added Entertainment

This summer, Six Flags Great Adventure will launch the theme park industry's most ambitious festival series. Ten new, back-to-back festivals will offer exciting entertainment and top-name talent, ethnic food, games and unique merchandise for a value-added theme park experience. The "Summer of Festivals" series will run from the middle of June through the end of August. Themes include Caribbean, Greek, Latin, Italian, Asian, Irish/Scottish, Mardi Gras, Celebrate America, Sports and Back-to-School. Headlining artists include Sugar Ray, JoDee Messina, Brad Paisley, Beach Boys, REO Speedwagon, Styx, Charlie Daniels Band and Yolanda Adams. "Best of all, the festivals are free with park admission," said Tim Black, vice president and general manager of New Jersey's Six Flags entertainment complex.

Premium Programs Set Six Flags Apart

Many theme park visitors yearn to take their "traditional" experience to the next level. In 2002, Six Flags Great

Adventure will offer guests three new guest service-oriented, premium programs, including a virtual queue system, "Breakfast with the Characters" and "V.I.P. Tours." Six Flags' new hightech, versatile, electronic virtual queue program will replace the once low-tech, paper reservation system, "Fast Lane." "While the program was successful, Six Flags realized the limited nature of our original 'Fast Lane' system. The new virtual queue program is the ultimate line management technology," Black said. For a reasonable fee, the system will hold guests' positions in a computerized virtual queue, offer exclusive inpark discounts and paging, allow for

weather delays and scheduled maintenance, and ultimately offer a greater ride selection than the prior system.

"Breakfast with the Characters" will feature a buffet breakfast and special meet-and-greets with Looney Tunes characters. Children and their parents can sing and dance to famous children's songs and Six Flags

favorites. "There's no better way to start the day than quality time with Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. It's an excellent bonding time for families," Black stated. "Breakfast with the Characters" will operate weekends, from June 8 through Labor Day, beginning at 9 a.m. Advance reservations are recommended.

By popular demand, Six Flags Great Adventure will offer "V.I.P. Tours" enabling guests to bypass ride lines for a premium ticket price. The program was created due to numerous requests for "everyday" people to receive what they consider "star treatment." This tour permits guests to experience nearly every park ride without waiting in line, enjoying their favorite rides like the blockbuster NITRO mega coaster, which debuted in 2001. Additional tour information is available on the Web at www.sixflags.com/parks/greatadventure.

"FREE SAFARI" Offer Extended to All Theme Park Guests in 2002.

The 350-acre Six Flags Wild Safari is the world's largest drive-through safari outside of Africa, featuring more than 1,200 animals from six continents. Its unique drive-through configuration differentiates it from a zoo, as animals walk right up to guests' vehicles for an up-close and personal experience. Millions of guests have enjoyed the 4.5-mile journey since 1974. In 2002, each

guest to purchase a ticket to the Six Flags Great Adventure theme park will be able to tour the Wild Safari for free. "By offering 'free safari' with every theme park ticket, we hope to educate guests about precious, endangered animals from the farthest reaches of the

globe," said Karen Yuchinski, veterinary technician and education coordinator at Six Flags Wild Safari. "For families, it's a thrilling experience at an unbeatable value," she added.

Six Flags Great Adventure and Wild Safari kicked-off their 29th season March 29. Six Flags Hurricane Harbor opens May 25. Operating schedules vary at all three parks.



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at

Six Flags Great Adventure

on

June 8, 2002

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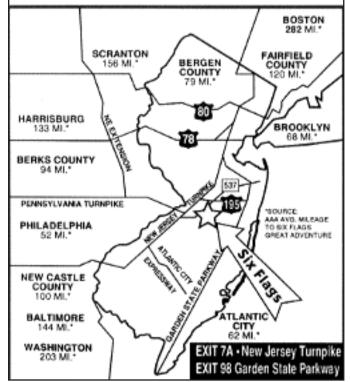
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How to get There

Six Flags Great Adventure Route 537 Jackson, NJ 08527 (732) 928-1821 Voice

HOW to get to Jackson, NJ! SIX FLAGE IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK, NJ TURNPIKE TO EXIT 7A (1-185 EAST). TAKE EXIT 16A (RT. 537 WEST) AND FOLLOW TO SIX FLAGE. OR, GARDEN STATE PARKWAY TO EXIT 88 (1-185 WEST). TAKE EXIT 16 (RT. 537 WEST) AND FOLLOW SIGNS TO SIX FLAGE.



From New Jersey Area: Take NJ Turnpike to exit 7A, I-195 east to exit 16A or Garden State Parkway exit 98, I-195 west to exit 16, then one mile west on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

From Philadelphia: Take the Ben Franklin Bridge to Route 38 east. Proceed to Route 295 north to NJ Turnpike north to exit 7A. Take I-195 east to exit 16A, then one mile west on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

From New York Area: Take the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel or Holland Tunnel to NJ Turnpike south to exit 7A. Proceed on I-195 east to exit 16A, then one mile west on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

Alternative Transportation: NJ Transit offers bus service from New York City, Newark, Camden & Philadelphia to Six Flags Great Adventure. For the bus operating schedule, call New Jersey Transit at (800) 772-2222 in New Jersey, (800) 626-7433 outside New Jersey or (800) 772-2287 TTY.

Shawn Dale Barnett

At age five, in 1968, Shawn picked up the drums for the very first time. Throughout the 1970s, Shawn

played with the world's first all Deaf band, and did shows with Buck Owens of "Hee Haw" fame, Barbara Mandrell, Mel Tillis, Merle Haggard, Tom Jones, Bobby Bare, Connie



Smith, Johnny Cash, and many more famous recording artists. On February 27, 1981, three months before graduation from the Kansas School for the Deaf, Shawn turned professional at a local night club in Kansas. After graduation, in May 1981, Shawn went to



Hollywood where he became the drummer for the first version of the rock group, *Alice-n-Chains*.

In 1987, Shawn became the first and only Deaf man with a top ten hit on MTV and number seven on the billboard charts. After

15 years of establishing himself and breaking all the rules in the hearing world, Shawn turned his focus on Deaf Culture. For the past eight years, he worked with and created "DEAF MUSIC." You can find an explana-

tion under the "WHAT IS DEAF MUSIC" section of the Web page http://deafdrummer.deafbase.com/. Since then, Shawn

has done shows with Bob Newhart, Paula Poundstone, Lou Fant from the show, "Little House on the Prairie" and has worked on the sound



tracks for the remaking of the movie, "ENDLESS SUMMER."

In 1998, Shawn performed in front of 150,000 people at a balloonfest



in Kansas City, Mo. He became the first Deaf man to teach music to the Deaf during an "Artist in Residence" stint at the Kansas School for the Deaf.

Shawn has been in over 300 newspaper articles during his 21-year career as a professional Deaf drummer, songwriter, and educator. Shawn Dale Barnett is an

inspiration, not only to the Deaf, but to the whole world! Shawn is a fantastic example of the power and strength of the human spirit! Shawn's show is a must-see-and-feel show!

Shawn Dale
Barnett
will perform
at the
Showcase



Lisa Lou

Lisa Lou is actually Lisa B. Lewis. She is a graduate of the Ringling Bros. Barnum



and Bailey Clown College, Brandeis University and has an MA in Clown/Circus history from New York University. She has traveled from

Japan to Utah with different clown shows. Lisa lives in New York where she works with the Big Apple Circus' Clown Care Unit and can frequently be seen dancing on stilts at the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. She has amazed and amused audiences at the "Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors Festival," several Renaissance Fairs, the New York Buskers Faire and at hundreds of company picnics and industrial events- -all with her own unique combination of skill, humor, and charm!

Welcome to the world of Lisa Lou!

One Woman





Lisa Lou will perform at the Showcase Theater at 2:30 p.m.

New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and

Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park & Safari proudly present 18th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Saturday, June 8, 2002 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Enjoy thrills, chills, special entertainment, friends and fun. Interpreters, captioning and assistive listening devices available. Performances in the afternoon in the Showcase Theatre by: Lisa Lou - One Woman Circus Show 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

and Shawn Dale Barnett, Drummer 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Pre-Purchased **Tickets**

Theme Park & Safari Special Event Price: \$27.50 Regular Price: \$48.75 Ticket seller must receive your order by May 27 See ticket seller list in this issue.

Tickets Purchased June 8

Theme Park & Safari Special Event Price: \$30 Regular Price: \$48.75 On sale at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ticket Booth 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

> Look for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ticket Booth left, and before main entrance

Hurricane Harbor Advanced ticket \$26

on June 8: \$28 Season Pass \$68 on June 8 - \$75

For additional information about Six Flags contact: (732) 928-2000 Voice



18th Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Association of Late-Deafened Adults

P.O. Box 145

Freehold, New Jersey 07728-0145

Atlantic County Association of the Deaf

P.O. Box 3088

Margate, New Jersey 08402

Bruce Street School

173 Baltimore Avenue

Cranford, New Jersey 07016

Deaf-Blind League of New Jersey

214 Sclera Street

So. Plainfield, New Jersey 07080-3967

Deaf Golf Association, Inc.

400 Glastonebury Lane

Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Greystone Park Association for the Deaf

P. O. Box 82

Parsippany, New Jersey 07054-0082

Jersey Shore Deaf Bowling Association

1105 Curtis Avenue

Point Pleasant, New Jersey 08742-3515

Miss Deaf NJ Pageant Fund

29 Oak Hill Drive

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Monmouth-Ocean County Deaf Community

Association

P.O. Box 2042

Brick, New Jersey 08723-2042

NTID Alumni Chapter of New Jersey/Metro New York

23 Kearney Drive

Middletown, New Jersey 07748-1117

New Jersey Association of the Deaf

3608 Park Avenue

Edison, New Jersey 08820-2506

New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind

24K Worlds Fair Drive

Somerset, New Jersey 08873

New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates

725 Dorbett Place

Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc.

204 Central Avenue

Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey 08742

New Jersey Rainbow Association of the Deaf

814 Leland Avenue

Plainfield, New Jersey 07062

New Jersey Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

37 Plumtree Drive

Sewell, New Jersey 08080-2420

North Jersey Community Center for the Deaf

160 Fairview Avenue

Paramus, New Jersey 07652

Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf

52 Heritage Court

Towaco, New Jersey 07082

Parents for Deaf Awareness, Inc.

194 Webster Drive

Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Signs of Sobriety

100 Scotch Road, 2nd Fl

Ewing, New Jersey 08628

South Jersey Deaf Golf

P.O. Box 189

Estell Manor, New Jersey 08319

Send name, address, phone, and number of tickets to a seller listed above before May 27, 2002. Check or money orders only. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Additional info: geocha7383@aol.com

Some Facts About Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ

- 2 DDHH started this successful annual program in New Jersey in 1984.
- 2 DDHH recommended Six Flags Great Adventure appoint a ticket sales coordinator through the New Jersey Association of the Deaf (NJAD).
- 2 DDHH recommended NJAD enlist other Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations to help share in the fund raising and ticket sales. These organizations receive a percentage for each ticket sold.
- 2 DDHH expanded this program to Deaf *and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day*, making sure the accessibility needs of all people with hearing loss are satisfied.
- 2 DDHH recommended that NJAD and New Jersey Deaf Awareness Week, Inc. (NJ DAW) become partners in administering ticket sales to help raise funds for September's Deaf Awareness Week Projects, including the biennial Deaf Fest. This partnership means that NJAD and NJ DAW split the administrative fee that is part of each ticket sold.

DDHH supports its annual program as follows:

- 2 Schedules all performers for the Awareness Day program which is funded by NJ Relay Services.
- 2 Selects, coordinates and pays for all communication access from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 2 Publishes and distributes over 7,500 special edition Monthly Communicator newsletters to announce and promote this event.
- 2 Distributes 90,000 state pay check inserts advertising this event.

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Interpreters, Assistive Listening Devices, Realtime Captioning

Stations

First Aid/Security
Awareness Day Ticket Booth
Main Gate/Theme Park Entrance
Guest Relations/Main Park
Guest Relations/Safari Park
Photo Greeters
Photo Booth (photo pick-up)
Stroller Rental

Shows

Warner Bros. Kids Club
(Bugs Bunny)
Dive Show
Lethal Weapon Water Stunt
Spectacular
Awareness Day Entertainment in
the Showcase Theater Lisa Lou and Shawn Dale Barnett

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